

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR EHB 1323**

Citations Affected: IC 9-20-2-2; IC 9-20-5-4.

Synopsis: Vehicle size and weight regulation. Proposed conference committee report for EHB 1323. Designates sections of Highway 6 and Highway 15 as extra heavy duty highways beginning July 1 after the Indiana department of transportation completes all improvements, upgrades, and rehabilitation necessary to make the designated sections of the highways (including all bridges) suitable to safely bear loads permitted by law for an extra heavy duty highway. Requires the Indiana department of transportation to report annually to the legislative council the status of the work on the improvements, upgrades, and rehabilitation until the year after all the work is completed. Exempts farm drainage machinery from size and weight regulations. **(This conference committee report does the following: (1) Adds the reporting requirement. (2) Adds the exemption for farm drainage machinery from ESB 303. (3) Reconciles the bill with SEA 154-2006.)**

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2006.

Adopted

Rejected

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1323 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 9-20-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.210-2005,
- 3 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 4 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section,
- 5 "farm vehicle loaded with a farm product" includes a truck hauling
- 6 unprocessed leaf tobacco.
- 7 (b) Except for interstate highway travel, this article does not apply to
- 8 the following:
- 9 (1) Machinery or equipment used in highway construction or
- 10 maintenance by the Indiana department of transportation, counties,
- 11 or municipalities.
- 12 (2) Implements of agriculture when used during farming operations
- 13 or when constructed so that the implements can be moved without
- 14 material damage to the highways.
- 15 **(3) Farm drainage machinery.**
- 16 (c) This article does not apply to firefighting apparatus owned or
- 17 operated by a political subdivision or volunteer fire department (as
- 18 defined in IC 36-8-12-2).
- 19 (d) Except for interstate highway travel, this article does not limit the
- 20 width or height of a farm vehicle loaded with a farm product.
- 21 SECTION 2. IC 9-20-5-4, AS AMENDED BY SEA 154-2006,
- 22 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 23 JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 4. (a) In addition to the highways established and

designated as heavy duty highways under section 1 of this chapter, the following highways are designated as extra heavy duty highways:

- (1) Highway 41, from 129th Street in Hammond to Highway 312.
- (2) Highway 312, from Highway 41 to State Road 912.
- (3) Highway 912, from Michigan Avenue in East Chicago to the U.S. 20 interchange.
- (4) Highway 20, from Clark Road in Gary to Highway 39.
- (5) Highway 12, from one-fourth (1/4) mile west of the Midwest Steel entrance to Highway 249.
- (6) Highway 249, from Highway 12 to Highway 20.
- (7) Highway 12, from one and one-half (1 ½) miles east of the Bethlehem Steel entrance to Highway 149.
- (8) Highway 149, from Highway 12 to a point thirty-six hundredths (.36) of a mile south of Highway 20.
- (9) Highway 39, from Highway 20 to the Michigan state line.
- (10) Highway 20, from Highway 39 to Highway 2.
- (11) Highway 2, from Highway 20 to Highway 31.
- (12) Highway 31, from the Michigan state line to Highway 23.
- (13) Highway 23, from Highway 31 to Olive Street in South Bend.
- (14) Highway 35, from South Motts Parkway thirty-four hundredths (.34) of a mile southeast to the point where Highway 35 intersects with the overpass for Highway 20/Highway 212.
- (15) State Road 249 from U.S. 12 to the point where State Road 249 intersects with Nelson Drive at the Port of Indiana.
- (16) State Road 912 from the 15th Avenue and 169th Street interchange one and six hundredths (1.06) miles north to the U.S. 20 interchange.
- (17) U.S. 20 from the State Road 912 interchange three and seventeen hundredths (3.17) miles east to U.S. 12.
- (18) U.S. 6 from the Ohio state line to State Road 9.
- (19) U.S. 30 from Allen County/Whitley County Line Road (also known as County Road 800 East) to State Road 9.
- (20) State Road 9 from U.S. 30 to U.S. 6.
- (21) State Road 39 from Interstate 80 to U.S. 20.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, "designated highway" refers to U.S. 6 from State Road 9 to State Road 15 and then north on State Road 15 to the Michigan state line. The designated highway is designated as an extra heavy duty highway beginning July 1 after the Indiana department of transportation completes all improvements, upgrades, and rehabilitation necessary to make the designated highway (including all bridges on the designated highway) suitable to safely bear loads permitted by law for an extra heavy duty highway. Not later than November 1 of each year, the Indiana department of transportation shall provide a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the legislative council describing the progress made toward completing the work described by this subsection. The report is not required for any year after the year all work is completed.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

(Reference is to EHB 1323 as printed February 17, 2006.)

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on
Engrossed House Bill 1323

Signed by:

Representative Dodge
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House Conferees

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